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SUBJECT: UNESCO EXPERTS MEETING ON NATIONAL MEDIA

COUNCILS GUIDELINES

1. PETER THORP, UNESCO FREE FLOW OF INFORMATION AND INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGES DIVISION (THE SUCCESSOR TO WEGMAN) ADVISED DELOFF AUGUST 5 THAT UNESCO WILL HOST ON AUGUST 3 AND 4 A "CONSULTATIVE MEETING" OF PRIVATE EXPERTS TO DRAW UP GUIDELINES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL MEDIA COUNCILS FOR USE BY COUNTRIES INTERESTED IN DOING SO.

2. MOST NOTEWORTHY IS FACT THAT NONE RPT NONE OF ABOUT TEN EXPERTS TO BE INVITED ARE FROM COMMUNIST BLOC COUNTRIES. MEETING WILL BE FOCUSED ON ANALYSIS OF HOW COUNCILS IN EXPERTS RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES WERE FORMED AND THEIR OPERATING PRINCIPLES. BASIC FOCUS IS ON ROLE OF SUCH COUNCILS AS CONSTRUCTIVE RATHER THAN RESTRICTIVE ROLE SUCH COUNCILS CAN PLAY, ACCORDING THORP, WHO STATED THAT DIVISION DIRECTOR NAESSELUND (DANISH) HAD EXPRESSLY EXCLUDED FROM INVITATIONS THOSE COUNTRIES WHERE MEDIA ARE ENTIRELY SUBORDINATE TO GOVERNMENT CONTROL.

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EM THEREFORE, INVITATIONS SENT SO FAR TO DENMARK, UK,
INDIA, FRG, SWEDEN, AUSTRIA AND NOW U.S. SEE PARAGRAPH
4036 OF 17 C/5.

4. THORP REQUESTED PERMDEL REACTION TO PARTICIPATION ON
PRIVATE EXPERT BASIS OF JUDGE STANLEY H. FULD WHO
DESCRIBED AS CHAIRMAN OF US NATIONAL NEWS COUNCIL.
UNESCO UNABLE TO LOCATE ADDRESS OF THIS BODY BUT HAS
HOME ADDRESS FOR FULD AT 30 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY.

5. IN ANY CASE, THIS MEETING WILL NOT RPT NOT BE
INVOLVED IN DRAWING UP ANY TYPE OF INSTRUMENT BUT WILL
BE RESTRICTED TO DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF WORKINGS
OF EXISTING MEDIA COUNCILS.

6. PLEASE ADVISE RE SUITABILITY AND AVAILABILITY OF
FULD. AS THIS APPARENTLY FIRST TIME FULD BEING
CONSIDERED FOR A UNESCO ACTIVITY, HE WILL REQUIRE
USUAL CLEARANCE.
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